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SUBJECT: NASA STAION AGREEMENT -- GOMR AMBASSADOR

CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. GOMR AMBASSADOR RAHARIOANA CALLED ON ASST SECRETARY NEWSOM NOVEMBER 1.

2. ON SUBJECT OF NASA TRACKING STATION, RAHARIOANA SAID HE IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST USG INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSE IN OCTOBER 7, 1963 AGREEMENT WHICH SAYS "THE GOMR SHALL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT LAND AREAS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY REQUIRED FOR THE STATION SHALL BE LEASED TO THE USG..." RAHARIOANA SAID GOMR IS UNDER IMPRESSION THIS CLAUSE HAS NEVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED, AND WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH US TO CLARIFY ITS MEANING. HE SAID HE HOPED TO ESTABLISH THE MODALITIES FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE CLAUSE DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA BEGINNING NOVEMBER 7. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT OBJECTIVE OF CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF THE CLAUSE IS NOT RELATED TO QUESTION OF RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT ABOUT WHICH HE IS NOT RPT NOT EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE. HE SAID IT IS

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A MATTER OF INTERPRETING PRESENT AGREEMENT WHICH IS

SEPARATE FROM ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT.

3. MR. NEWSOM THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR INFORMING HIM OF
OBJECTIVE OF UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA, AND INDICATED

WE WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INTERPRETATION.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA
DEPARTED NEW YORK EVENING OCTOBER 31 AFTER FIVE-DAY
STAY, AND IS EXPECTED RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK AFTER
VISIT TO PARIS.

5. SEPTEL REPORTS DISCUSSION ON RICE. KISSINGER

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